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In re Application of:

John POLK

Application No.: 09/975,241

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHILD
PAYMENT PROCESSING AND CHILD
SUPPORT DISBURSEMENT
PROCESSING BY A PROCESSING
ENTITY

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

In a Supplemental Notice of Related Litigation filed concurrently herewith, Applicants notify Examiner of continuing developments in a litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota (Civ. Action No. 02-CV-1321 DWF/SRN) between Plaintiff Pay Child Support Online Inc and Defendant ACS State &

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Local Solutions, Inc. This Information Disclosure Statement includes copies of five pleadings that have been filed in this litigation for the Examiner's consideration.

One of the listed documents, the Complaint Seeking Declaratory Judgement Under Title 35 of US Code, refers to Exhibits C - J (see Complaint, pages 9-10). The Examiner will note that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 20, 2002 included Exhibits C-J, although Exhibit F was incomplete as filed. A complete copy of Exhibit F was filed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 11, 2002.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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